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Dr. Richard Sutton and his HORT 300 Introduction to Landscape Construction class (pictured above) have replaced the railroad ties along the west side of the plastic teaching greenhouses. The class removed the ties, prepared the base and set a low Versa-lok wall to contain the rock apron on the greenhouse.

Department Migrates to Office 365 Email

By Warren Werner

The department email migration to Outlook began Wednesday morning. You will receive an email saying that you have been activated. Included will be instructions about how to get to the web client, which you will use until I verify you have Outlook 2010 installed. Once the migration process starts, leave your computer on overnight with Outlook running to help speed the process.

You will still be able to send email from Lotus Notes, but once you receive the activation email, all new email you receive will be in Outlook. Please note that your Outlook log-in ID and password are the same as your computer log-in and password with the addition of @unl.edu after the ID.

If you have questions, contact Warren Werner, wwerner2@unl.edu, or 402-890-5648.



Mark the Date!

May 15: The Iowa Sports Turf Managers Association will host a spring Baseball Field Workshop at Werner Park in Papillion, Neb. See <http://www.iowaturfgrass.org/events.htm>.

May 15: Worker Protection Standard Training (WPS), Room 24, AHG4 (Agronomy greenhouse), 8:15 a.m.

May 30–June 1: 2012 Global Water for Food Conference.

June 5: UNL First Five Weeks Summer Session begins.

June 18–22: 2012 Nebraska Range Short Course, Chadron State College, Chadron. To register, visit the website at: <http://agronomy.unl.edu/nebraskarangeshortcourse>.

June 22: Retirement celebration for Elbert Dickey and Beth Birnstihl, 2–4 p.m., Hardin Hall. A program begins at 3:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Send contribution letters to [Carla Werner](mailto:Carla.Werner@unl.edu), 211 Ag. Hall, 0703.

June 26–28: 2012 NAIPSC short course, WCREC, North Platte, Neb. Please register at: <http://ipscourse.unl.edu>. Scholarships are available.

July 4: Independence Day, Offices closed and no classes.

July 9: UNL Second Five Weeks Summer Session begins.

July 31–Aug. 3: Registration is now open for the American Society for Horticultural Science Conference at the InterContinental Hotel in Miami, Fla. Details are at: <http://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1030015>.

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Department Professors are Promoted

Congratulations to Brian Wienhold, USDA, who was promoted to Adjunct Full Professor on Tuesday, April 17, at a Promotion and Tenure reception at the International Quilt Study Center and Museum. Dr. Wienhold was unintentionally left out of the newsletter's promotion announcement in the last issue. He joined three other Department of Agronomy and Horticulture professors who were also promoted. They were Stacy Adams and David Lambe who were both promoted to Associate Professor of Practice, and Gary Varvel (USDA) who was promoted to Adjunct Full Professor. Congratulations to all!

News from the HAPPI Business Center *Department is Pilot Shoppers Group for eShop*

eShop is the new electronic web-based procurement system the University of Nebraska has instituted. The HAPPI Business Center has selected a pilot group of shoppers for each department and will roll out the system to the rest of the department in the coming weeks. As is the case with any new system, there will be a learning curve. We are available to answer any questions and make this a smooth transition. If you would like to get on the list for being a shopper or have staff you would eventually like to be shoppers, please contact HAPPI.

– Ben Lennander, 472-6238, blennander2@unl.edu

Contact HAPPI Regarding Graduate Teaching Assistants

After identifying a Graduate Teaching Assistant (partial GTA) for a course, please remember to contact Mary Jo Haverkamp or John Dillingham to let them know which student is working for you. This assures that the GTA gets into the university's payroll and benefit system.

– John Dillingham, 472-1548, jdillingham2@unl.edu

Information For and About Grad. Students *Yuan Wins Mohr Fellowship*

Lingling Yuan, advised by Dr. David Holding, was awarded the Milton E. Mohr 2012–2013 Fellowship from the Center for Biotechnology. The Milton E. Mohr Awards Program recognizes outstanding students in the sciences of biotechnology and engineering based on their academic performance and potential for accomplishments in their specific field. Congratulations!

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Aug. 20: UNL Fall Semester begins.

Oct. 21–25: ASA, CSSA, SSSA Annual Meetings, Cincinnati, Ohio. Registration runs June 19–Sept. 12. Details are at: <https://www.acsmeetings.org/>.

In the News

Bayer CropScience was featured in the [Lincoln Journal Star](#) on May 7 in a story about its new North American wheat breeding station near Goehner, Neb. Quoted in the story were Ed Souza and Sally Clayshulte from Bayer CropScience, and Steve Baenziger from UNL.

Office Pros Activity *Get Ready for Conferences!*

Two annual meetings are set for the summer and fall:

- The American Society for Horticultural Science Conference, in Miami, Fla., is July 31–Aug. 3. See: <http://www.regonline.com/builders/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1030015>.
- The ASA/CSSA/SSSA annual meeting is in Cincinnati, Ohio, Oct. 21–25, 2012. See: <https://www.acsmeetings.org>.

Please complete a pre-trip Travel Authorization (T.A.) prior to the meetings. For assistance with the pre-trip form and travel arrangements (registration, airlines, hotel, etc.), please contact [Kathy Schindler](#), 402-472-1508, or [Karen Kreider](#), 402-472-5138.

Newsletter Details

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